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In the PATENT APPLICATION of:

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Our File: SMB-PT123
(PC 03 200 B US)

Application No.: 10/519,589

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For: PUMP COMPRISING A SHIELD VALVE
CONTROLLED BY THE CONVEYING MEDIUM

Group: Not Yet Known

Examiner: Not Yet Known

STATEMENT OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS AND REFUND REQUEST

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Sir:

Applicant is entitled to a small entity status, but paid the large entity filing fee of \$1,000 for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.28(a) a refund of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for the filing fee is respectfully requested.

This Refund Request is timely, being made prior to the first business day of the three month anniversary of the filing date on which the full filing fee was paid, 37 C.F.R. §1.28(a).

Please credit the refund to Volpe and Koenig, P.C., Deposit Account No. 22-0493. Two copies of this communication are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Becker et al.

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